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ILLINOIS, Central				
KNOX COUNTY --- 1.8 SE (GBG)GALESBURG ARPT [40.91, -90.40]				
	03/08/09 04:50 CST		8K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 04:51 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
Several power poles were blown just south of Galesburg along Illinois Route 41.				
FULTON COUNTY --- CUBA [40.50, -90.20]				
	03/08/09 05:15 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 05:16 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Power lines were blown down in Cuba.				
FULTON COUNTY --- CANTON [40.57, -90.03]				
	03/08/09 05:20 CST		50K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 05:21 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
The roof of the American Red Cross building sustained major wind damage. In addition, numerous trees were blown down across the city of Canton.				
PEORIA COUNTY --- 4.0 SW PEORIA [40.66, -89.65]				
	03/08/09 05:48 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	03/08/09 05:49 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
PEORIA COUNTY --- 0.6 NNW BELLEVUE [40.69, -89.68]				
	03/08/09 05:50 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 05:51 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Fencing was blown down at the Casey's on Plank Road.				
WOODFORD COUNTY --- METAMORA [40.78, -89.35]				
	03/08/09 06:10 CST		25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 06:11 CST		0	Source: Public
Several houses in Metamora experienced shingle and trim damage.				
WOODFORD COUNTY --- 1.1 W BENSON [40.85, -89.14]				
	03/08/09 06:28 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 06:29 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Power lines were blown down south of the intersection of routes 116 and 117 near Benson.				
A nearly stationary frontal boundary extending from Missouri northeastward through central Illinois served as the focusing mechanism for thunderstorm development during the early morning of March 8th, 2009. Most of the storms impacted areas along and north of a Rushville to Minonk line, with damaging wind gusts and large hail reported in a few locations.				
SANGAMON COUNTY --- 1.4 SSW PROUTY [39.65, -89.93], 1.6 S BATES [39.70, -89.85]				
	03/08/09 10:32 CST		0.61M	Tornado (EF1, L: 5.13 mi , W: 200 yd)
	03/08/09 10:37 CST	2	0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
The tornado initially touched down in a field 6 miles southwest of Loami, then tracked northeastward and dissipated about 1 mile north of Loami. Several houses were damaged and numerous sheds and outbuildings were destroyed along the path of the tornado. Considerable tree damage was also observed. Two people were injured, including a woman who was struck by flying debris in her home and a man who was inside his barn when it collapsed.				
SANGAMON COUNTY --- 2.0 WNW SPRINGFIELD [39.81, -89.69]				
	03/08/09 10:44 CST		0.11M	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/08/09 10:45 CST		0	Source: Fire Department/Rescue
The roof was blown off an apartment complex, a trailer was rolled and destroyed, and numerous trees were snapped on the northwest side of Springfield near West Jefferson Street and Bruns Lane.				

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SANGAMON COUNTY --- SPRINGFIELD [39.80, -89.65]				
	03/08/09 10:45 CST		50K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/08/09 10:46 CST		0	Source: Fire Department/Rescue
High winds caused numerous power outages and traffic lights to be knocked out near the intersection of Jones and Veterans. Several roads were blocked by downed tree limbs, and the Archer grain elevator was damaged.				
SANGAMON COUNTY --- 2.0 NE CURRAN [39.75, -89.75]				
	03/08/09 10:46 CST		40K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/08/09 10:47 CST		0	Source: Fire Department/Rescue
Several carports and tops of mobile homes were damaged near the intersection of I-72 and Wabash Avenue.				
SANGAMON COUNTY --- 1.0 SW JEROME [39.74, -89.71]				
	03/08/09 10:48 CST		5K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/08/09 10:49 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
A 5-foot section of an approximately 2-feet thick brick wall was blown down at an apartment complex.				
LOGAN COUNTY --- BROADWELL [40.07, -89.45]				
	03/08/09 11:04 CST		8K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 11:05 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
Several 8-inch diameter tree limbs were blown down.				
CHRISTIAN COUNTY --- 5.0 SW OWANECO [39.43, -89.27]				
	03/08/09 11:10 CST		40K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 11:11 CST		0	Source: Public
Several machine shed and outbuilding roofs were damaged. A farm gasoline barrel was blown off its stand.				
LOGAN COUNTY --- 3.0 W LINCOLN [40.15, -89.43]				
	03/08/09 11:15 CST		30K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 11:16 CST		0	Source: NWS Employee
A barn was destroyed at the intersection of Route 121 and County Road 1700.				
WOODFORD COUNTY --- 1.0 W EUREKA [40.72, -89.29]				
	03/08/09 11:15 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 11:16 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Power poles were blown down on the west side of Eureka.				
LOGAN COUNTY --- 2.1 W BEASON [40.15, -89.24]				
	03/08/09 11:20 CST		60K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 11:21 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Several barns and outbuildings were damaged.				
DE WITT COUNTY --- CLINTON [40.15, -88.95]				
	03/08/09 11:40 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 11:41 CST		0	Source: Public
Strong winds ripped the siding off an apartment building.				
CLAY COUNTY --- 5.7 SSE CAMP TRAVIS [38.60, -88.28], 5.5 SE CAMP TRAVIS [38.61, -88.26]				
	03/08/09 12:03 CST		20K	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.91 mi , W: 75 yd)
	03/08/09 12:04 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey

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The tornado initially touched down in the National Weather Service Paducah County Warning Area (CWA) in Wayne County at 11:58 AM CST. It then tracked northeastward and crossed into southern Clay County at 12:03 PM CST. The tornado quickly dissipated by 12:04 PM CST 7.3 miles southeast of Clay City. One home experienced minor damage and numerous trees were blown down.				
RICHLAND COUNTY --- PARKERSBURG [38.58, -88.05], 3.0 E CLAREMONT [38.72, -87.91]				
	03/08/09 12:10 CST		35K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 12:15 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
A roof was torn off a trailer in Parkersburg, and a pole barn was destroyed 3 miles east of Claremont.				
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY --- PHILO [40.00, -88.15]				
	03/08/09 12:15 CST		20K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 12:15 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
The roof of a machine shed was ripped off near Philo.				
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY --- 6.0 E SAVOY [40.05, -88.14]				
	03/08/09 12:16 CST		8K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 12:17 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
Four power poles were blown down at Old Church Road and Route 130.				
LAWRENCE COUNTY --- LAWRENCEVILLE [38.72, -87.67]				
	03/08/09 12:30 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	03/08/09 12:31 CST		0	Source: COOP Observer
LAWRENCE COUNTY --- 1.0 S LAWRENCEVILLE [38.71, -87.67]				
	03/08/09 12:35 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	03/08/09 12:36 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
LAWRENCE COUNTY --- 1.0 E LAWRENCEVILLE ARPT [38.77, -87.58], 1.4 SE RUSSELLVILLE [38.80, -87.51]				
	03/08/09 12:43 CST		0.31M	Tornado (EF1, L: 4.24 mi , W: 100 yd)
	03/08/09 12:48 CST	1	0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
The tornado initially touched down 1 mile northeast of the Lawrenceville Airport, then tracked northeastward to 1 mile southeast of Russellville at the Wabash River. The tornado then crossed the Wabash River into Knox County Indiana. Twenty irrigation units were destroyed along the path of the tornado. Numerous grain bins, machine sheds and pole barns were severely damaged as well. In addition, one home experienced moderate damage. One man sustained minor injuries from flying debris.				
VERMILION COUNTY --- ROSSVILLE [40.38, -87.67]				
	03/08/09 12:45 CST		25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 12:46 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Several large trees were knocked down and power lines were blown down across Attica Road just west of Rossville.				
VERMILION COUNTY --- HOOPESTON [40.47, -87.67]				
	03/08/09 12:50 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/08/09 12:51 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
A trailer was blown over on Route 1 just south of Hoopeston.				
A cold front raced through the region during the afternoon of March 8th, producing strong to severe thunderstorms. The storms spawned three tornadoes across central and southeast Illinois, as well as numerous reports of wind damage.				
(IL-Z029) PEORIA, (IL-Z038) MCLEAN, (IL-Z045) CHAMPAIGN, (IL-Z046) VERMILION, (IL-Z048) MENARD, (IL-Z051) SANGAMON, (IL-Z052) CHRISTIAN, (IL-Z053) MACON				
	03/08/09 11:45 CST		0.18M	High Wind (MAX 54 kt)
	03/08/09 14:27 CST		0	
After the passage of a strong cold front, gradient winds gusted as high as 50 to 60 mph across central Illinois during the afternoon and evening of March 8th. Numerous reports of wind damage were received from across the area.				

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KNOX COUNTY --- 4.2 N CENTERVILLE [41.13, -90.03], 1.3 NNE CENTERVILLE [41.09, -90.04], 6.2 ENE CENTERVILLE [41.09, -89.93], 6.8 NE CENTERVILLE [41.14, -89.95]				
	03/09/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/09/09 08:00 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
A man was rescued from his vehicle near LaFayette in northeastern Knox County when he tried to cross a roadway flooded by a nearby creek.				
Two to three inches of rain in a 24 to 36-hour period caused many area creeks and streams to overflow their banks. One man had to be rescued from his vehicle when he attempted to cross a road covered by water from a nearby creek.				
FULTON COUNTY --- 2.5 W AVON [40.67, -90.48], 1.9 NNE BANNER [40.54, -89.88], 5.3 SE ASTORIA [40.17, -90.28], 7.7 W VERMONT [40.28, -90.58]				
	03/10/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/12/09 23:59 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Water was flowing across one lane of County Highway 20 during the morning of March 10th. Tarter Ferry Road off of Old County Highway 2 had three feet of water covering the road due to the Spoon River overflowing its banks.				
KNOX COUNTY --- 2.2 N RIO [41.15, -90.39], 7.8 NE CENTERVILLE [41.15, -89.95], 2.6 NNE YATES CITY [40.82, -90.01], 2.4 WSW ABINGDON [40.78, -90.44]				
	03/10/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/10/09 07:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Highway 17 was closed due to high water. In addition, water was flowing across numerous other county roads across Knox County.				
MARSHALL COUNTY --- BROADMOOR [41.15, -89.63], 1.7 SSW LA PRAIRIE CENTER [41.00, -89.61], 1.5 E TOLUCA [41.00, -89.10], 10.1 NW WENONA [41.17, -89.17]				
	03/10/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/10/09 12:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Water was flowing across Rt 17 and Rt 29 near Sparland.				
PEORIA COUNTY --- 2.8 E ELMORE [40.95, -89.93], 0.8 NNE NORTH CHILLICOTHE [40.94, -89.50], 1.5 N TUSCARORA [40.62, -89.67], 1.1 ENE CRAMERS [40.69, -89.93]				
	03/10/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/10/09 12:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Three county roads across Peoria County were closed due to high water.				
STARK COUNTY --- 2.9 WNW ELMIRA [41.19, -89.88], 1.3 N BRADFORD [41.20, -89.67], 4.6 N SPEER [41.05, -89.66], 2.8 S TOULON [41.06, -89.88]				
	03/10/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/10/09 12:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Twelve roads across Stark County were closed due to high water flowing across them.				
WOODFORD COUNTY --- 1.7 WNW ROANOKE [40.81, -89.23], 1.7 SW ROANOKE [40.78, -89.23], 0.8 SSW ROANOKE SCHERER ARPT [40.79, -89.17], 1.2 NNW ROANOKE SCHERER ARPT [40.82, -89.18]				
	03/10/09 00:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/10/09 07:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Water was flowing across several streets in Roanoke.				
Two to three inches of rain falling on already saturated soils caused many area creeks and streams to overflow their banks. As a result, several county roads were flooded along and north of a Rushville to Minonk line.				
(IL-Z027) KNOX, (IL-Z029) PEORIA, (IL-Z031) WOODFORD, (IL-Z036) FULTON, (IL-Z050) MORGAN, (IL-Z051) SANGAMON, (IL-Z053) MACON				
	03/24/09 12:44 CST		51K	High Wind (MAX 52 kt)
	03/24/09 15:31 CST		0	
A tight gradient between high pressure along the East Coast and low pressure developing over the Northern Plains created very strong winds across central Illinois on March 24th. Sustained winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts as high as 50 to 60 mph were reported. Minor damage occurred across the area as a result of the high winds.				

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(IL-Z027) KNOX, (IL-Z029) PEORIA, (IL-Z036) FULTON, (IL-Z051) SANGAMON				
	03/29/09 00:00 CST		0	Winter Weather
	03/29/09 06:00 CST		0	

An area of low pressure tracked form the lower Mississippi River Valley into the eastern Great Lakes on March 29th, bringing a swath of snow across west-central Illinois. In general, locations west of I-57 picked up between 2 and 4 inches of snow...with isolated amounts of up to 6 inches where thunder was reported.